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DRAFT TOR FOR TASK FORCE ON NATO MARITIME POSTURE

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SUMMARY: WE BELIEVE THE MARITIME TOR CORRECTLY FOCUS ON THE
WARFIGHTING CAPABILITY OF THE ALLIANCE'S MARITIME FORCES
AND LEAVE TO OTHER TASK GROUPS (NOTABLY REINFORCEMENT,
LOGISTICS AND RATIONALIZATION) THE TASK OF DEVELOPING SEA
MOVEMENT OF REINFORCEMENTS AND SUPPLIES. WE COMMENT BELOW
ON A FEW AREAS WHICH, IN OUR VIEW, COULD BE STRENGTHENED
AND/OR RESTRUCTURED. SINCE THE EWG, AT ITS JULY 15 REIN-
FORCED MEETING, WILL ADDRESS TOR FOR NINE SEPARATE TASK
FORCES, US OBJECTIVES FOR THE MARITIME TOR MUST NOT BE
FORMULATED IN ISOLATION FROM THE OTHER EIGHT, BUT SHOULD
BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL APPROACH THE
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US INTENDS TO ADOPT FOR THAT MEETING. THUS, THIS TELEGRAM
SIMPLY FORWARDS OUR COMMENT AND IS NOT A REQUEST FOR
GUIDANCE. WE ARE DEVELOPING AN OVERVIEW MESSAGE THAT WILL
SYNTHESIZE OUR COMMENT, FORWARD OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE
APPROACH THE US SHOULD ADOPT FOR THE JULY 15 MEETING, AND
CONTAIN OUR FORMAL REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS:

1. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF PARA 2 WERE RESTRUCTURED TO REFLECT THE MARITIME AREA TO BE ADDRESSED AND THE LIMITS OF THE STUDY, I.E., EXCLUSION OF REINFORCEMENT AND CONSUMER LOGISTICS ASPECTS WHICH OTHER TASK GROUPS WILL COVER.

2. THERE ARE SEVERAL AREAS LISTED UNDER PARAS 2 AND 3 WHICH IMPINGE ON THE WORK OF OTHER TASK GROUPS AND MIGHT BE DELETED OR MODIFIED. AREAS SUCH AS EW, STANDARDIZATION/ INTEROPERABILITY, AND C3 ARE EXAMPLES. ANOTHER OCCURS IN PARA 2(B)(5), WHICH WILL BE ADDRESSED BY THE TASK FORCE ON RATIONALIZATION. WE REALIZE THAT THESE AREAS MUST RECEIVE THE BENEFIT OF MARITIME EXPERTISE, BUT BELIEVE THAT TASK FORCE COMPOSITION AND THE REQUIREMENT CONTAINED IN PARA 4(B) PROVIDE FOR THIS NEED.

3. WE NOTE, TOO THAT SEVERAL AREAS ARE NOT COVERED AND THAT THE ADDITION OF THESE AREAS IN THE PROPOSED PROGRAM MIGHT SERVE TO STRENGTHEN THE TOR. FOR EXAMPLE:

A. THE REQUIREMENT FOR A VIABLE EXERCISE AND TRAINING PROGRAM.

B. THE EXAMINATION AND REFINEMENT OF THE NATO ALERT SYSTEM, TO INCLUDE ROE'S AS WELL AS CERTAIN COMMAND AND CONTROL
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ASPECTS.

C. SPECIFIC MENTION OF A REQUIREMENT TO INVESTIGATE OUT-OF-AREA OPERATIONS. WE NOTE THAT THIS MAY BE A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT OBJECTIVE TO INCLUDE IN VIEW OF CURRENT POLITICAL SENSITIVITY ATTACHED TO IT BY SOME OF OUR ALLIES.

D. EXPANDED COOPERATIVE R&D EFFORTS FROM ONLY NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS TO ONE INVOLVING ALL MARITIME R&D EFFORTS.

E. SINCE SACEUR'S READINESS TASK FORCE WILL NOT ADDRESS MARITIME READINESS ASPECTS, SPECIFIC MENTION OF NAVAL FORCE READINESS IN THE MARITIME TASK FORCE TOR.

F. COVERAGE OF SUBMARINE COMMUNICATIONS, SINCE THIS IS ONE AREA OF C3 WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE SUCH SPECIALIZED APPLICATIONS THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ADDRESSED BY THE C3 GROUP.

4. WE NOTE A DICHOTOMY IN THE TOR AS THEY AFFECT ASSUMPTIONS. ON THE ONE HAND, WE NOTE THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE PACT WILL INCREASE FOREIGN BASE RIGHTS (HENCE AN IMPLIED NEED TO ADDRESS OUT-OF-AREA OPERATIONS), COUPLED WITH A

STATEMENT (PARA 2(A)) THAT THE PROGRAM WILL CONSIDER THE
EMERGING CONVENTIONAL MARITIME SITUATION. ON THE OTHER HAND
THE ASSUMPTION (PARA 3(B)) NOTES A STATIC GEO-POLITICAL
STRUCTURE. STREATOR

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